

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 369
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Beverly Jones, National Adult Spokeswoman for Easter Seals, for her meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those people who through their endeavors follow the finest tradition of the Volunteer State and are credits to their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Beverly Jones of LaFayette, Tennessee, who is the 1997 National Easter Seal Adult spokeswoman; and

WHEREAS, in September, 1983, she was involved in a car accident that resulted in a spinal injury. The mother of two small children suddenly found herself dependent on others for her daily living needs as well as the needs of her family; and

WHEREAS, for almost eight years, she was limited by her disability, however, through the Spinal Cord Support Services, expertly operated by the Easter Seal Society of Tennessee, Beverly met other people with spinal cord injuries and became involved with sports and recreational activities that allowed her to regain more of her independence; and

WHEREAS, in her praise of the organization, Beverly stated: "Easter Seals introduced me to different people with the same type of disability. They put me in a smaller, more comfortable wheelchair and made sports such as scuba diving and tennis available to me. They changed my life and gave me independence"; and

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WHEREAS, today, she is a single mother of two teenage children and works as a full-time court reporter and part-time model with accounts such as Castner Knott Department stores, Dollar General stores and McDonalds; and

WHEREAS, adjusting to life with a physical disability is very challenging, but Beverly Jones has successfully met those challenges head-on and today is an active member of her community; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Beverly Jones for her extraordinary dedication and willingness to serve in this important position; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Beverly Jones for her exemplary service to Easter Seals and for being an inspirational role model and wish her every continued success in her work and future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.